GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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CHANGES IN THE SEEDS BILL, 2004
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the farmers have urged the Government to effect necessary changes in the Seeds Bill, 2004 for ensuring farmer`s rights;

(b) if so, whether any changes have been incorporated in the proposed Bill;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the stage at which the matter stands as on date; and

(e) the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (e): A number of farmer organizations, Seed Associations and Non-Governmental Organisations have made representation to the Government and to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Agriculture on various aspects of the Seeds Bill, 2004. The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Agriculture, to which the Bill was referred by the Hon`ble Speaker for examination and report, has submitted its report on 12th October, 2006. In pursuance of the report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Agriculture, a Cabinet Note has been prepared and circulated to concerned Ministries and Departments for their views and will be submitted to the Cabinet after views of all concerned are received. The Bill will be implemented after it is enacted into law.